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Neighborhood Newsletter

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"Who Should I Call?"



❖ NON-Emergency Police Matters

GREENVILLE POLICE
271-5333

❖ City/Neighborhood Matters

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❖ Heritage Neighborhood Assoc.

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❖ Community Patrol Officer

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News From The President

Our June 19, 2006 Meeting Speaker will be Dale Reeves, from the East Park Neighborhood. Don't miss her presentation on the value of National Historic Preservation for your home.

We had a very successful garden tour last month – enjoy John Alibrandi's article in this issue.

Hope you enjoyed Greenville News article, May 19, 2006 highlighting Greek festival including an article on our neighborhood.

In other news, Paul Ellis, City's Parks and Recreation Director alerted us to **concerts in McPherson Park, July 9, 23, 30, August 6 & 13, Sunday Evenings 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Note: I received notice from Hughes Library we will no longer meet upstairs but rather in one of the many meeting rooms located on the first floor. Please check with front desk upon arrival as to the correct room for our meeting. We will need to set up tables and chairs and return same upon completion of the meeting.

See you Monday, June 19, 2006.

Gretchen E. Otte

Happy Independence Day!



Don't Forget



NEXT MEETING: MON. 6/19; 7pm; Meeting Rm TBD, inquire at main desk

SPEAKER: Dale Reeves, East Park neighbor, led effort to gain recently awarded National Historic designation



Garden Tour & Social

If you must love your neighbor as yourself,
it is at least as fair to love yourself as your neighbor.

~Sebastien-Roch Nicolas

Text & Photos By John Alibrandi

The garden tour, held on May 27th, was a real success and showed that our neighborhood is indeed a great place to live. The variety of gardens proved to be quite interesting.

We started at the garden of Dan Frisch, a peaceful mostly shady garden complete with hammock, a bench supported by tree trunk slices and a soothing fountain. A great place for solitude or perhaps reading a good book.

A few of us slowly turned into a pretty good sized group. Gretchen Otte, Stella Manios, Dan Frisch, Becky Davis, Stephen McLean, John and Sarah Conrad, David McCollough, Larry Ruginsky Mr. Mitchell, myself, John Alibrandi and my partner, Philip Mullins. It was great to pick up tips from other neighbors along with a little tidbit from Mr. Mitchell about how he used to play in our lot when he was young, before our house existed.

When we arrived at our house, food and beverages were served and we walked through our gardens containing hostas, amaryllis and impatiens among other rather unique plants. We are lucky that we have plenty of space and ample sun and shade areas in which to grow a variety of plants. Our favorites are the Iris and the Lilies.

Next, the group walked across the street to Gretchen's house. Her garden features her signature roses along with an awesome collection of Amaryllis and plenty of Impatiens and Petunias and of course, the Lilies surrounding the perimeter. From there we headed up Atwood to Becky's house.

After admiring the great bird bath in the front yard, we traveled up a peaceful walkway on the side of the house full of a variety of species of plants that leads to a colorful garden in the rear. Becky and Stephen showed us their developing succulent garden with hens and chickens, among others, making their way into the environment. As a finale to this wonderful yard, we marveled at the great arrangement Stephen had created for his entranceway.

Lastly, we took the back street to John and Sarah's. Philip and I had looked at their house in our quest for ownership, and I really didn't know it was the same place. They have completely re-landscaped the back yard, with new sod and shrubbery, a swing, a raised vegetable garden and an intense water control system to prevent "Niagara Falls" occurring during rainfall. It was an amazing transition.

John and Sarah served beverages and snacks which was a great ending to what we thought was a thoroughly enjoyable day with great people, wonderful conversation, and helpful tips. Thanks to everyone who got it all together organizing what we hope will now be an annual event.....



Heritage neighbors Steve Mitchell and Gretchen Otte tour her garden



John Conrad, Philip Mullins, Stella Manios and Sarah Conrad (L to R) explore the Alibrandi-Mullins garden

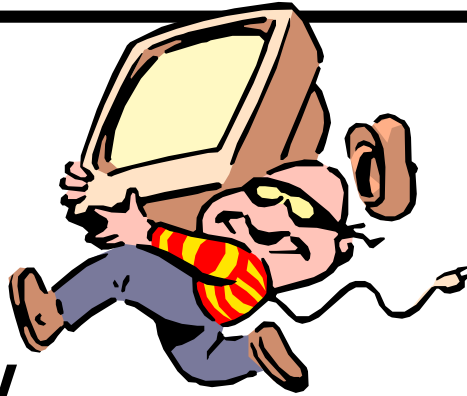
This bud of love,
by summer's ripening breath,
May prove a beauteous flower
when next we meet.

William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)
"Romeo and Juliet", Act 2 scene 2



@Check out our neighborhood website...
<http://www.greatergreenville.com/neighborhoods/historicweb/home.ht>

14 Tips To Keep Your Home Safe While Away...



- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.
- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home -- this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Think like a neighbor....
PLEASE remember to pick up after your pooch.



Voter Registration

Did you know you can go online to register to vote??

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www.state.sc.us/scsec/vr.html

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Mark Your Calendar



June Program Info – 6/19, 7pm Hughes Library

East Park Neighbor Dale Reeves

Just recently our East Park neighbors were awarded a National History District designation by the National Register of History Places.

Dale Reeves played a central role in helping the neighborhood achieve this. Come hear the story, what they learned and the benefits that they are reaping.



The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the

National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The National Register is administered by the National Park Service, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Visit the website at:
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/index.htm>

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